

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**Standard Market Design
Continuing Efforts to Standardize
Inputs and Outputs for Electric
Market Software.**

Docket No. RM01-12-000

NOTICE OF CONFERENCE and AGENDA

(September 24, 2002)

As announced in the Notice of Conference issued August 22, 2002, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold a follow-up conference to the July 18, 2002 Conference on Data and Software Standards. This conference is scheduled for October 3, 2002 to continue our efforts to standardize inputs and outputs for electric market software in connection with the implementation of the Commission's Standard Market Design (SMD) rule. The conference will start at 9:00 a.m. the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., in Washington DC, in the Commission Meeting Room .

Consistent with the Commission's efforts to assure the efficient operation of wholesale energy markets under the control of independent transmission and market operators, the second conference on software for SMD will explore the question of how to maximize the value and minimize the developmental and user costs of grid and market software and data transfers. This conference will seek to answer, through collaborative discussion, the questions of the appropriate process to develop more standardized and compatible software and data, what entities play a role in developing market and business rules and standards, and how should these matters be organized within the wholesale electric industry stakeholders for timely and cost effective success. The day's Agenda is attached.

Also attached is a chart that depicts our current view of the standards development process under the Commission's SMD. The RTO seams issues are to be developed by the Commission. Scheduling and other market and communication standards are to be developed by NAESB. The state estimator and other operational data standards are to be developed by NAESB, EPRI or by another approach. The chart also raises the question of whether there will be seams issues if the market and operational standards are developed by the same body.

New participants are invited to review recent activities on standard market design at <http://www.ferc.gov/Electric/RTO/Mrkt-Strct-comments/smd.htm>. For the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Remedying Undue Discrimination Through Open Access Transmission Service and Standard Electricity Market Design (particularly paragraphs 351-360), click on Standard Market Design and Structure NOPR; for the transcript of the July 18, 2002, Technical Conference on Data and Software Standards, click on: SMD Structure and Conferences.

The conference will be transcribed. Those interested in acquiring the transcript should contact Ace Reporters at 202-347-3700 or 800-336-6646. Transcripts will be placed in the public record ten days after the Commission receives the transcripts. Additionally, Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening and viewing of the conference. It is available for a fee, live or over the Internet, via C-Band Satellite. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast, or who need information on making arrangements should contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at Capitol Connection (703-993-3100) as soon as possible or visit the Capitol Connection website at <http://www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu> and click on "FERC."

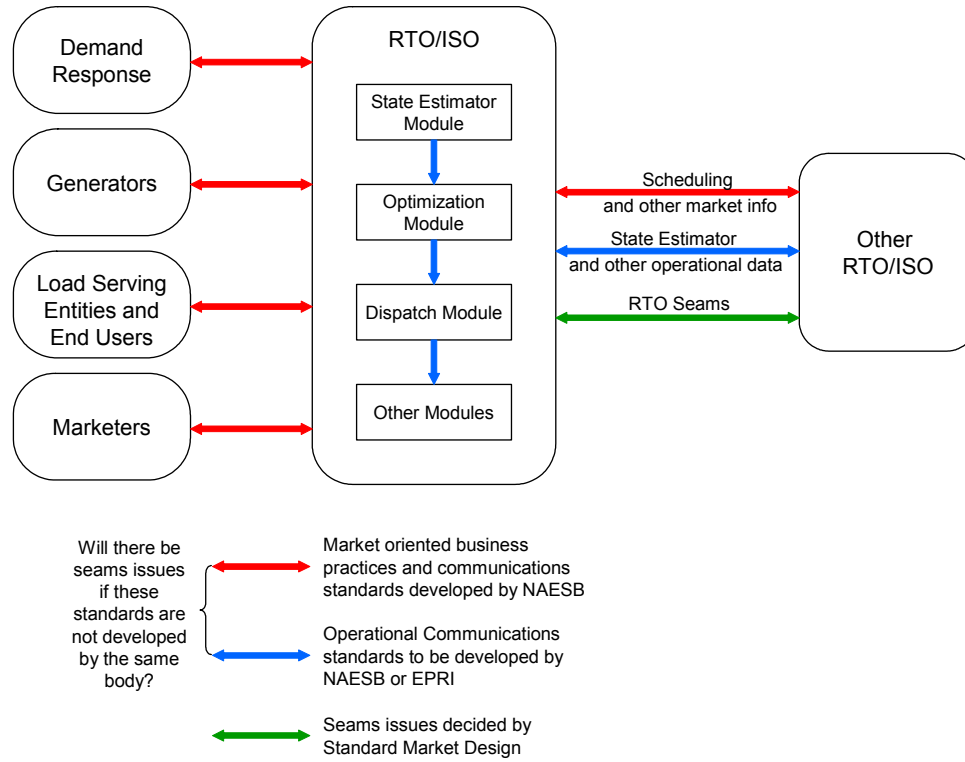
All interested parties are invited to attend. There is no registration fee. For additional information, please contact Rene' Forsberg at 202-502-8425 (new phone number) or Rene.Forsberg@ferc.gov.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.
Deputy Secretary

Attachments:

Chart: Standards Developments Under SMD
Conference Agenda

Standards Development Under SMD



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**CONFERENCE AGENDA
October 3, 2002**

- **Opening Remarks** **9:00 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.**

- **Who Has a Role in Standard-Setting?** **9:05 a.m. -10:30 a.m.**

John Canavan	Chairman, Electronic Scheduling Collaborative
Jim Buccigross	Chairman, Executive Committee, NAESB/GISB
Robert Cummings	NERC
Peter Hirsch	Vice President Power Delivery Markets, EPRI
Gordon van Welie	President/CEO, New England-ISO

- **Data and Software Standard-Setting Process:** **10:30 a.m. -11:45 a.m.**

Brian Hewson	Manager-Energy Licensing, Market Readiness Project Manager, ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD/IMO
Lockheed Martin	To Be Announced
Data Interchange- Standards Association	To Be Announced
Jim Buccigross	Chairman, Executive Committee, NAESB/GISB

- **Lunch** **11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

- **Developing the Plan for Wholesale Electric Market
and Grid Software Consistency** **1:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m.**

Gordon van Welie	President/CEO, New England ISO
Jay Britton	Senior Systems Architect, ALSTOM/ESCA
Gary Michor	President/CEO, The SPI Group
Petar Ristanovic	Executive Consultant, Siemens
Andy Ott	Gen. Mgr. of Mkt. Coordination, PJM-ISO
